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Reusable Containers

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AMENDMENT

1. (Previously presented) A method comprising:

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providing goods in reusable containers, said reusable containers having a radio frequency identification device attached thereto;

establishing a relationship between a radio frequency identification device and a memory;

providing said goods in said containers to customers;

collecting said reusable containers from said customers; and

identifying which customers have returned their reusable containers by electronically querying the radio frequency identification devices attached to the reusable containers collected from said customers.

2. (Previously presented) Method of claim 1 wherein said establishing of said relationship comprises storing in said memory a database including data associated with said radio frequency identification device.

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